



Mover News

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Household Goods Questions?

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UTC Mission
The UTC regulates the services of privately or investor owned utility and transportation companies. Our mission is to ensure that services are fairly priced, available, reliable and safe.

Report Illegal Movers!

Call the UTC's new hotline at
(360) 664-1221.

Need Forms or Information?

Go to the commission's [Web site](http://www.utc.wa.gov) to get information or copies of documents such as laws, tariffs and rules. Also available online: Motor Carrier Safety Manual, consumer guide, bill of lading, estimate form, and **NEW** cube sheet inventory form.

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Illegal Movers Must Obtain Valid Permits

The UTC concluded March 1 that two residential moving companies operated illegally and will face stiff penalties if they violate state laws again. The commission recommended thousands of dollars in penalties against Farrell Moving Co. and Zida Labor for operating without a valid permit. However, the UTC suspended the penalties so long as the moving companies attend training, and maintain valid state permits and proper insurance for one year.

Tumwater-based Farrell Moving Co. and Lynnwood-based Zida Labor were publicizing residential moving services despite a new state law that forbids advertising as a moving company without a valid permit. Farrell was penalized \$20,000 for four violations of marketing the illegal business while Zida was fined \$55,000 for 11 violations. The companies advertised illegally on various Internet sites, including Craigslist and their own Web sites. Both companies have since become permitted and have been provided training by commission staff.

Illegal Carrier Actions

Although Action Moving has been ordered to cease and desist, the company continues to advertise as a HHG mover. The UTC will pursue further enforcement actions against Action Moving in the coming months. Miracle Movers was previously told to cease and desist operations and received court imposed civil penalties of \$10,000 for violating a UTC order. WSP issued the mover an out-of-service order on Feb. 26. If violated, Miracle Movers could be heavily fined, up to \$11,000 per violation.

New Permits Issued Dec. '09 - March '10

- Farrell Moving Co.
- Movher
- Thunder Movers LLC
- Warrior's Moving
- Zida Labor
- Puget Services L.L.C.
- Alliance Moving, Inc.
- First Due LLC

Questions about permits? Please contact the UTC's [Licensing Services Office](#) at (360) 664-1222.

Upcoming Trainings

There are two upcoming household goods training classes scheduled for June 16 in Spokane and June 30 in Olympia. All owners and employees of residential moving companies are invited to attend. This is a great refresher course, as well as a requirement for new carriers. Please contact [Suzanne Stillwell](#) at (360) 664-1103 to sign up.

Motor Carrier Safety News Last quarter, the UTC's Motor Carrier Safety staff conducted four household-goods carrier compliance reviews and inspected 28 vehicles. Four of the vehicles had defects. Four companies received a satisfactory rating.

Illegal Carrier Sweep

In a focused sweep, UTC staff have investigated 50 illegal and 10 permitted carriers since March 4. The following non-permitted carriers were investigated by UTC staff in March.

AAA Corbin Movers
AAA Half Price Moving Co.
AAA Movers
AA Company
A1 Moving Service
Accountable Moving & Storage
Affordable and Careful Movers
A.S.A.P. Relocations, Inc.
Awesome Movers of Wallingford
Big T's Piano Keys
Dependable Deliveries, LLC
Discovery Bay Moving
Extraordinary Moving
Flat Price Moving & Storage, Inc.
Garcia, Gregorio
Good Old Movers
Great West Moving & Storage Inc.
Hands on Hauling
Hansen's Helping Hands Moving & Delivery Service
Holmes to Homes
Harley and Son Relocation Services
Himes, Gregory
J.R.'s Pro Moving and Piano Transfer
Kris
McCloud Moving, Inc.
Motivated Movers
Movers for Less
Northwest Moving & Storage
Owen
Pay Less Movers
Prestige Moving & Storage
Pro Piano Moving
Professional Moving Co, LLC
Quality Movers
Rainier Overseas Movers, Inc.
Ramde Moving Services
Robany Work Services
Seattle Movers
Seattle Moving
Seattle Moving Labor
Smooth Moves
Strong Arm Men Moving
Tacoma Movers
Tacoma Moving & Storage
The A-1 Piano Man
The Big Guys Home Delivery
The Moving Guys
Those Incredible Movers
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